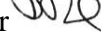


**MEMO**

**TO:** Duane L. Shroufe, Director

**FROM:** Bruce D. Taubert, Assistant Director   
Wildlife Management Division

**PRESENTER:** Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief

**TITLE:** Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 23: Trapping for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Seasons.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 23: Trapping, establishing season dates, legal species, open-closed areas, bag and possession limits.

**DATE:** March 21, 2006

Summary:

The previous year's harvest information will not be included in this summary because the data are not available until May. License sales indicate that trapper participation and harvest in 2005–2006 was similar to participation and harvest in 2004–2005. Attached harvest data for 1976–2004 indicates that recent harvest levels are well below early 1980s harvest levels and do not impact furbearer populations. No change in season dates, legal species, bag and possession limits is proposed by the Department. The proposed order reflects the continued closure of metropolitan Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M for trapping. The proposed orders open trapping on private and public lands in accordance with ARS 17-301 for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 23 AS PROPOSED.**

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Attachments

# TRAPPING NUMBERS AND HARVEST DATA FOR FURBEARERS AND PREDATORS, 1977-2004<sup>1</sup>

Year	No. of Licensed Trappers	Trapping Year	No. of Trappers	Number Harvested								
	Coyote			Bobcat	Skunk	Muskrat	Ringtail	Badger	Raccoon	Beaver	Fox	
1977	1,621	1977-1978	1,070	13,732	4,695	554	301	356	595	520	57	12,648
1978	1,281	1978-1979	1,233	17,882	6,754	1,052	76	1,098	1,316	891	8	17,585
1979	2,098	1979-1980	1,888	16,605	6,648	4,119	593	2,055	1,065	894	268	21,780
1980	2,008	1980-1981	1,834	14,858	9,537	4,063	2,949	3,222	1,124	823	83	28,059
1981	2,219	1981-1982	1,964	25,379	8,036	4,115	14	4,027	1,384	1,127	117	29,124
1982	1,746	1982-1983	1,609	17,436	5,928	4,164	42	2,964	1,105	690	21	20,856
1983	1,129	1983-1984	1,006	11,763	4,827	3,275	0	2,371	874	518	0	15,857
1984	1,127	1984-1985	1,038	13,188	5,399	2,478	235	3,096	705	951	52	20,776
1985	1,129	1985-1986	1,022	11,263	4,942	3,082	111	2,649	697	735	40	18,065
1986	1,163	1986-1987	1,029	14,198	6,421	2,400	18	3,851	780	876	87	21,000
1987	1,315	1987-1988	1,165	13,335	6,609	2,537	23	4,475	748	834	127	22,009
1988	852	1988-1989	695	6,397	3,174	1,255	25	1,968	281	241	80	14,516
1989	444	1989-1990	348	3,140	1,253	590	0	1,091	89	190	202	5,210
1990	222	1990-1991	161	1,135	322	154	0	174	33	67	28	1,807
1991	265	1991-1992	189	2,214	878	336	0	403	151	84	52	2,864
1992	234	1992-1993	202	2,372	723	300	0	258	69	49	9	3,445
1993	194	1993-1994	181	2,683	1,362	271	0	372	44	74	12	5,312
1994	109	1994-1995	85	654	181	170	0	157	24	24	0	1,647
1995	34	1995-1996	24	178	55	46	0	12	8	0	0	144
1996	84	1996-1997	57	1,307	251	89	41	30	11	57	19	648
1997	86	1997-1998	46	1,437	286	61	3	15	21	49	52	685
1998	88	1998-1999	57	1,213	312	114	0	8	27	114	16	798
1999	83	1999-2000	58	1,096	144	144	0	29	17	37	0	470
2000	73	2000-2001	32	182	109	83	0	19	10	35	3	240
2001	66	2001-2002	29	305	97	25	0	3	7	7	9	143
2002	65	2002-2003	13	274	37	35	0	8	2	8	10	54
2003	122	2003-2004	58	635	267	97	0	31	25	23	3	312
2004	138	2004-2005	67	663	393	58	0	10	65	18	9	362

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